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1. Available in CIA Library are photostats of the "Verkehrsdienstliche Mitteilungen" (Official Traffic Bulletin), Issue No 8 dated 15 February 1955, and of "Anhang I zur Vorschrift fuer die verkehrsstatistischen Arbeiten der aeussered Dienststellen im Gueterfernverkehr" (Supplement I to the Manual for Statistical Records to be kept by Freight Traffic Field Agencies).
The "Verkehrsdienstliche Mitteilungen Issue No 8" contain information on the 8 RBDs and the 27 RBAs assigned to them and the reference figures allocated to the individual RBAs. According to this information the following RBAs are in existence:

RBD	RBA	Reference Figure
Berlin	1 Berlin 1	11
	Berlin 2	12
	Berlin 4	14
	Berlin 5	15
	Berlin 7	17
Cottbus	2 Bautzen	21
	Cottbus	22
	Senftenberg	23
Dresden	3 Dresden	31
	Karl-Marx-Stadt	32
	Zwickau	33
Erfurt	4 Erfurt	41
	Meiningen	42
	Nordhausen	43
	Saalfeld	44
Greifwald	5 Neustrelitz	51
	Pasewalk	52
	Stralsund	53
Halle	6 Halle	61
	Leipzig	62
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Magdeburg	- 7	Aschersleben	1	71
		Magdeburg	2	72
		Stendal	3	73
Schwerin	- 8	Guestrow	1	81
		Rostock	2	82
		Wittenberge	3	83 1

2. The "Vorschrift fuer die verkehrsstatistischen Arbeiten der aeusseren Dienststellen im Gueterverkehr" contains a list of freight dispatch offices and their location relative to Bezirke, Kreise, RBDs and RBAs, status of 1st January 1955. According to data contained on page 2 of the Manual, the GDR border stations have the following index figures:

Ebersbach (Saxony)	21,048
Ellrich	43,300
Forst (Lausitz)	22,034
Frankfurt/Oder	17,125
Grambow	52,076
Gerstungen	41,048
Guben	22,045
Gutenfuerst	33,101
Horka	21,091
Kietz-Altstadt	17,126
Marienborn (Saxony-Anhalt)	72,172
Oebisfelde	73,038
Probstzella	44,025
Radiumbad Brambach	33,202
Rosow	52,172
Sassnitz Harbor	53,158
Schoena	31,281
Schwanheide	83,220
Warnemuende Faehre	82,110

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1. [redacted] Comment. Attachment A also contains the index figures used for railroad traffic with foreign countries. Each foreign country is given a specific index figure which is used for statistical purposes and for purposes of concealment. The document furthermore shows the organizational setup of RBDs and RBAs, status of 1st April 1955. The tabulation shows that the number of RBAs decreased from 38 to 27. See [redacted] . In detail the following changes were effected:

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RBD Berlin	: RBAs 5 and 6 were merged;
RBD Cottbus	: RBA Bautzen was transferred from RBD Dresden to RBD Cottbus.
RBD Dresden	: RBAs Aue and Riesa were deactivated, RBA Bautzen was ceded to RBD Cottbus.
RBD Erfurt	: RBAs Weissenfels, Gera and Eisenach were deactivated, RBA Meiningen was newly established;
RBD Greifswald	: RBA Eberswalde was deactivated.
RBD Halle	: RBAs Altenburg and Torgau were deactivated.
RBD Magdeburg	: RBA Halberstadt was deactivated.
RBD Schwerin	: RBA Schwerin was deactivated.

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This shows that a total of 11 RBAs were deactivated, one RBA was newly established and one RBA was transferred to another RBD. See

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2. Comment. Attachment B shows that on 1 January 1955 the following GDR border stations were in operation:

a. For traffic with West Germany:
- Ellrich
- Gerstungen
- Gutenfuerst
- Marienborn
- Oebisfelde
- Probstzella
- Schwanheide

b. For traffic with Poland:
- Crambow) Scheune
- Rosow)
- Forst
- Frankfurt/Oder
- Guben
- Horka/Wehrkirch
- Kietz/Kuestrin

The border stations in Muskau and Goerlitz have not yet been officially opened.

c. For traffic with Czechoslovakia:
- Ebersbach
- Radiumbad Brambach
- Schoena/Bad Schandau

d. For traffic with Scandinavia:
- Sassnitz (Ferry to Sweden)
- Warnemuende (Ferry to Denmark)

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Attachments:

(A) Photostats of the Official Traffic Buttetin, Issue No. 8, 15 February 1955 (2 pages)

(B) Photostats of Supplement I to the Manual for Statistical Records of Freight Traffic Field Agencies (67 pages)

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